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The need of an up-to-date work in which the laws relating to inheritance taxes of any state can easily be found, and the merit which this one possesses, will it is believed cause it to fulfill the aim of the authors to make it of practical importance to bankers and investors as well as lawyers.

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LAW OF MARRIED WOMEN IN NEW JERSEY. By Reuben Knox, of the New Jersey Bar. Plainfield, N. J.: The New Jersey Law Journal Publishing Company. 1912.

The determination of the present-day legislature to "reform" the common law nowhere appears more frequently than in statutes liberalizing the law of married women. In New Jersey, a series of such acts has almost destroyed the pleasing fancy that husband and wife are one. All this, doubtless, is very well, even though the unfortunate attorney has been compelled to stand by while his fellow townsmen overruled much of the law that he took such pains to learn from his instructors. Mr. Knox's book, however, will greatly assist the practitioner in finding his way in the midst of these changes, and for this reason will be a helpful addition to the work-

ing library of the New Jersey attorney.

The author's purpose, which is to state clearly and conveniently the law of married women in New Jersey as it stood at the close of the legislative session of 1911, is admirably accomplished. The subject is divided into sixty-eight topics, such as "Ante-Nuptial Agreements," "Agency," "Chattel Mortgages," "Children," "Conflict of Laws," etc. Each topic is treated thus: in a series of brief, numbered propositions the substance of the law on the topic in hand is stated. These propositions are then taken up separately and the authority for each is given at length. If the rule is the result of statute, the material part of the act is quoted; if the proposition is founded upon cases, they are cited, in connection with ample quotations from the controlling opinions.

The result of this treatment of the subject is an excellent synopsis of the law of married women in New Jersey as it now is. Moreover, the work is dependable, because every statement of the law is supported by direct authority. As a consequence, it is a genuine relief to refer to this book in one's work. Whatever one finds in the volume is pretty certain to be the law; and whatever one may not find there, relating to this subject, is equally certain to be a topic on which neither court nor legislature has yet spoken. On such points the author leaves the attorney to speculate as he thinks best.

Mr. Knox's book, therefore, simplifies a complicated subject as far as can be done by painstaking research and convenient presentation; and this, clearly, is a valuable service, for which the author will receive the gratitude of his readers.

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